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SUBJECT: CANADIAN AMBASSADOR'S TALK WITH KOSYGIN

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM CANADIAN AMBASSADOR FORD THAT MESSAGE FROM TRUDEAU TO KOSYGIN, WHICH FORD DELIVERED TO KOSYGIN IN MID-MAY, CONTAINED TWO POSITIVE REFERENCES TO THE U.S. FIRST, IN NOTING IMPROVEMENT IN CANADIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF DETENTE, TRUDEAU ALSO SAID THAT IMPROVEMENT IN U.S.- SOVIET RELATIONS WAS A POSITIVE SIGN. SECOND, FORD WAS INSTRUCTED TO TELL KOSYGIN ORALLY THAT TRUDEAU'S TRIP TO EUROPE SOME WEEKS AGO HAD NO ANTI-U.S. OR ANTI-SOVIET ELEMENTS, BUT WAS AN ESSENTIAL VISIT FOR CANADA IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT 40 PERCENT OF ITS TRADE IS WITH THE EEC.

2. ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR FORD, TRUDEAU'S MESSAGE TO KOSYGIN WAS MAINLY DEVOTED TO EXPRESSING THE HOPE FOR BETTER SOVIET-CANADIAN TRADE RELATIONS AND TO NOTING THE PROGRESS ALREADY MADE AND CALLING FOR ADDITIONAL PROGRESS IN TRADE AND OTHER AREAS (E.G., EXCHANGES ON ARCTIC CONDITIONS AND OPERATIONS).

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3. KOSYGIN MADE NO COMMENT ON THE LATTER, OTHER THAN TO SAY THAT HE HOPED MORE COULD BE DONE ON CANADIAN-SOVIET TRADE.

4. RESPONDING TO FORD'S QUESTION ABOUT HIS TRIP TO LIBYA, KOSYGIN SAID THAT IT HAS BEEN USEFUL IN BRINGING THE LIBYANS MORE INTO THE GENERAL ORBIT OF ARAB OPINION. HE SAID HE HAD FOUND QADHAFI " BETTER" THAN HE EXPECTED HIM TO BE.
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